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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

#### 35 USC 103 Formal Matters

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Katz et al. (US 2006/0291455) in view of Shanbhag et al (US 2003/0063581).

Shanbhag et al is not available to be cited against the instant application because its filing date (2 October 2002) is later than the Applicants' priority date (6 June 2002). The Applicants note that Shanbhag et al claims priority from two provisional applications whose filing dates antedate the Applicants' priority date. Therefore, the only material of Shanbhag et al, which is available to be cited against the instant application, is the disclosures of the two provisional applications. These provisional applications are not available to the Applicants.

The Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to either:

- a) Withdraw his reliance on Shanbhag et al; or
- b) Defer prosecution of this application until the two priority documents of Shanbhag et al become available to the public, so that the Applicants can evaluate exactly what subject matter is available to be cited against the instant application.

#### 35 USC 103 Substantive Matters

Cited U.S. Patent Publication 2006/0291455 to Katz et al. relates to an interface between PLMN networks, such as cellular networks, and non-PLMN networks, such as WLAN. Non-cellular devices attempting to access PLMN networks through non-PLMN networks appear as cellular devices to